matter to courts, will the Government dispose of the matter speedily? And will they also issue orders conferring upon the ryots the right to the land under the Land Assignment Rules?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"The cases are already before the courts. We must await the decisions of the courts."

Harijan Welfare Officers.

* 1086 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Harijan Welfare Officers in the State are all under the direct supervision of the Director of Harijan Welfare?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—"The District Welfare Officers are all under the immediate control of the Collectors concerned."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—"May I know what are the functions of the Harijan Welfare Officers, how many such officers are there in the State and how many of them are Harijans?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—"The District Welfare Officers attend to amelioration work relating to the 'eligible communities' and the number of officers is 23. To say how many of them are Harijans, I require notice."

Repairs to tanks in shrotriyam villages of Bhogole firka, Kavali taluk.

* 1087 *Q.*—SRI B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received from the ryots of Adireddipalem, Guravareddipalem, Chintalagirivari Kandri, etc., of Bhogole firka, Kavali taluk, Nellore district, that all shrotriyam villages were not taken by the Government and that their tanks were not repaired for the last twenty years although they repeatedly requested the proprietors to do so; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken on these representations?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not received any representation. The Collector received representations in June 1952 from the ryots of Chintalagirivari Khandriga, Bhaskaravari Khandriga and Harellapad shrotriems. He is taking steps to repair the tanks which are in need of repairs. Notices have been issued to the proprietors to undertake and execute repairs to the tanks failing which the repairs will be done by the Government and the cost recovered from the proprietors."